



Barrio Logan Historical Resources Survey

Introduction

- Comprehensive update of Barrio Logan Community Plan
- Historic context and reconnaissance survey
- Historic Preservation Element of the Community Plan
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Background

- Plan area is 1,000 acres immediately east of Downtown
- Historically part of Logan Heights
- Strong Mexican-American cultural identity

Methodology

- Native American Consultation
- Plan boundaries, except southwest of Harbor Blvd
- Buildings constructed prior to 1965 visible from street
- Specific research questions addressed by survey
 - Prehistoric and historic archaeological deposits
 - Evolving plan and character of community
 - How does built environment define community character
 - How does natural environment relate to community development
 - Associated properties
 - Extant property types

Survey

- Literature review
 - Previous surveys
- Records search
 - Previously recorded resources
- Archival research
 - Historical societies, libraries, County Assessor's office
- Historic context statement
 - "organizational framework of information based on theme, geographical area, and period of time... Historical contexts may be based on the physical development and character, trends and major events, or important individuals and groups that occurred at various times in history or prehistory of a community or other geographical unit" NR Bulletin 24

- Survey
 - Field reconnaissance
 - Windshield survey
 - Photographic documentation
 - Data analysis
 - Architectural styles
 - Integrity thresholds
 - Evaluation criteria
 - Status codes
 - Report
 - Preliminary draft posted on website
 - Final draft following public input

- Background research
 - Previous surveys in 1980, 1983 and 1990 all architecturally biased; several buildings have since been demolished
 - 1,220 historic address and 250 previously recorded archaeological resources within one-mile radius of Plan area
 - 20 historic structures and 13 archaeological resources previously recorded within Plan area
 - 10 residences, 4 commercial buildings, 1 institutional building, 1 industrial building, Coronado Bay Bridge, Chicano Park, Chicano Park murals, portions of railroad
 - 5 temporary camps, 5 shell middens, 3 shell/artifact scatters, and 1 isolated artifact

- Historic context
 - Organized by chronology and theme
 - Prehistory (Pre–1769)
 - Anticipate Archaic and Late Prehistoric sites
 - Spanish and Mexican Periods (1769–1821; 1822– 1846)
 - No extant resources expected
 - American Period (1846 to Present)

Historic context

- Themes
 - Residential and Commercial Development in the Era of Railroads and Streetcars (1870s to 1920s)
 - Early Industrial Bayfront Development (1880s to 1930s)
 - Residential and Commercial Development in the Era of Minority Migration/Immigration and Euro-American Exodus (1920s to 1950s)
 - Later Industrial and Naval Bayfront Development (1940s to 1950s)
 - Community Response to Rezoning and Infrastructure Projects/Chicano Political Activism (1960s to Present)

- Preliminary Survey Results
 - Property Types
 - Residential: single-family, worker's cottage, apartment, duplex, Bungalow court
 - Commercial: retail storefront, restaurant, market, auto-related, mixed-use
 - Industrial: industrial loft, production shed/warehouse, railroad facility, wharf/dock, Quonset hut
 - Institutional: commercial structures, converted residential buildings, buildings built for worship or community meetings
 - Recreational: parks, ballpark, track



- Architectural Styles
 - False-Front Commercial



- Architectural Styles
 - National Folk



- Architectural Styles
 - Folk Victorian



- Architectural Styles
 - Neoclassical



- Architectural Styles
 - Mission Revival



Preliminary Survey Results

Architectural StylesSpanish Eclectic



- Architectural Styles
 - Craftsman Bungalow



- Architectural Styles
 - Streamline Moderne



- Architectural Styles
 - Block



- Architectural Styles
 - Quonset Hut



- Architectural Styles
 - Minimal Traditional



- Architectural Styles
 - Ranch



- Architectural Styles
 - Contemporary



- Architectural Styles
 - Utilitarian Industrial

- Preliminary Survey Results
 - Reviewed 492 properties built before 1965 and Chicano Park established in 1970
 - Majority are residences with commercial buildings second
 - Majority built ca. 1920 through 1940s
 - 98 properties found to be potentially significant based on City of San Diego criteria and integrity thresholds
 - 91 architecturally significant (Criterion C)
 - 8 historically/culturally significant (Criterion A)
 - No concentrations of resources (districts) identified
 - Potential for significant archaeology/Native American resources near Chollas Creek

Recommendations

- Conduct additional research on potentially significant resources to determine eligibility for local listing
- Identify additional buildings that may have been missed during the survey
- Commission a Mexican American Cultural Landscape and Oral History Study
- Conduct project-specific Native American consultation

Next Steps

- Public review of preliminary draft survey report
- Prepare final draft survey report
- Prepare Historic Preservation Element of Community Plan Update
- Additional workshops/meetings with community
- HRB hearing for recommendations on historic survey
- Planning Commission hearing on Community Plan Update, including adoption of historic survey
- City Council approval of Community Plan Update and adoption of historic survey
- Coastal Commission approval of Community Plan Update